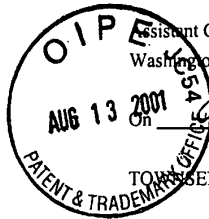


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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF
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Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for discussing the rejection of claims of the present application in a telephone conference held this morning, August 1, 2001. In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 13, 2001, Applicant presents the following remarks.

Request to Remove Final Rejection – M.P.E.P. § 706.07(d)

As an initial matter, Applicant respectfully requests that the finality of the March 13, 2001 Final Office Action be withdrawn. Grounds for making for this request are found in M.P.E.P. § 706.07(d), where it states that the Examiner “should withdraw the finality of the rejection” if he or she “finds the final rejection to have been premature.” Applicant believes that the March 13, 2001 Final Office Action is premature for the following reasons.

The prior art cited by the Examiner in the March 13, 2001 Final Office Action does not anticipate any of the pending claims. The Examiner came to an understanding and agreed that it